

At the same time his vision became indistinct, and he felt considerable giddiness. For some days afterwards similar attacks took place, and he had to leave his work in consequence. During the interval which has elapsed since the commencement of these symptoms, he has, in spite of great care as regards dieting, felt very miserable, especially after taking food. The pain from which he has suffered has been accompanied by a condition of much apprehension and sleeplessness.

The patient is an intelligent looking youth, weighing 7st. 11½ lbs. His face has a bluish tinge, his hands are livid and mottled with a few light pink spots. No venous stigmata are to be seen on any part of the surface. The patient presents a decidedly neurotic appearance and is very easily excited. The lips are bright red in hue; the teeth are good; the tongue is large and thickly coated; the secretions of the mouth are scanty. He complains that the appetite has been excessive, and states that about an hour after eating there is a great deal of pain, weight and distension in the abdomen. These symptoms usually last for a few hours, and are often accompanied by a pain in the back, especially below the left shoulder blade. He has never suffered from heart-burn, nausea or vomiting, but there has been constant constipation.

On examination of the abdomen it presents no abnormal appearances, either on inspection or palpation. There is, however, some tenderness above the umbilicus on both sides of the middle line. The whole of the right kidney can be distinctly grasped on inspiration, and it slides back freely on expiration. The stomach is considerably dilated, the upper border in the left mammary line reaches the fourth intercostal space, and the lower border extends down to within an inch of the umbilicus. The liver and spleen are normal in size. Chemical examination of the stomach contents gives a total acidity of 18 per cent. with abundant free hydrochloric acid.

No subjective symptoms have been manifested by the circulatory system since his admission, but examination reveals some most interesting objective appearances. Over the whole of the body, when exposed to the ordinary tem-